

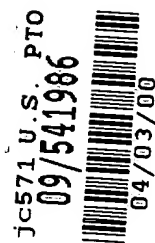


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER RULE 53(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a
☒ continuation/ ☐ divisional
of the pending prior PATENT APPLICATION of:
Inventor: Michael J. SHEA
Serial No. 09/317,980
Filed: May 25, 1999
For: **EXERCISE APPARATUS**

Ref.: EX-2DC4

Date: April 3, 2000
Group: 3764
Examiner: TBA



Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This request for filing under Rule 53(b) is made by the following named inventor(s) (using the above-identified title):

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☒ Attached is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including the specification, claims, Oath/Declaration and drawings (if any) and abstract (if any). No amendments (if any) referenced in the Oath or Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter.

☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year/Filed</u>
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☐ certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) attached or

☐ already filed on _____ in prior appln. no. _____ filed _____

☐ already filed in _____ Filed _____

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S.

Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____

☐ The prior application is assigned to _____

☐ Power of Attorney has been granted to _____, Reg. No. _____ of _____

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☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line --This is a _____ of application Serial No. _____, filed _____

☒ "Small entity" statement of record. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure copendency.

☒ The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner.

☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application above-referenced is considered as being part of the disclosure of this new application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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Basic Filing Fee.....	\$	690.00
Total effective claims 5 - 20 (at least 20) = 0 x \$ 18.00	\$	0.00
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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Enclosed are nine (9) sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-9) for the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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